

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

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Investigations of 18WA618, Washington County, Maryland
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Sites examined:

18WA618

NRHP Eligible: N

[Justification](#)

Project Details:

Phase I	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Project Justification:
Phase II	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This report describes a Phase I survey and Phase II archaeological evaluation of Site 18WA618. Phase I field investigations were conducted in January 2018 and the Phase II field investigations were conducted in February 2018. The work was undertaken to survey the project limits of disturbance for the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration planned interchange improvements along Interstate 70 at MD 65, in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The interchange improvement undertaking was federally funded and required federal permits, making it subject to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA).
Phase III		

Project Objectives:
Phase I
1. Determine the presence or absence of archaeological sites within the project area
2. Define site size and approximate site boundaries
3. Preliminary access sites for NRHP significant;
Phase II
1. Refine site size and boundaries
2. Determine subsurface integrity
3. Evaluate the eligibility of site 18WA618 for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places.

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Research Potential:

Site 18WA618 represents the remains of a late 19th to early 20th century farmstead in Hagerstown, Washington County, Maryland. The Phase II evaluation of 18WA618 included metal detection and the excavation of 36 STPs and six TUs totaling 75 square feet. In total, 808 artifacts were recovered during the Phase I and II investigations of the site. Four features were identified, including two possible historic post holes, a concrete and metal post hole likely post-dating the historic occupation, and a cement and concrete foundation likely representing a shed. Artifacts date from the late nineteenth through late twentieth century, which is consistent with the history of the site. In general, artifacts across the site were not found in high density, and patterning did not provide information about nineteenth or early twentieth century use of the property. Evidence of disturbance likely related to construction of the MD 65 and I-70 interchange was evident across the site. Soils were shallow, and large push piles/debris piles were evident. Soils in the vicinity of the former house appeared shallow and mixed. A large concrete post and recently planted trees likely represent later disturbance after the interchange was built. Due to the limited research potential and prior disturbances, site 18WA618 was recommended not eligible for listing in the NRHP and no further work was recommended at the site.